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Senate

The Senate met at 10 a.m., and was called to order by the Honorable LISA MURKOWSKI, a Senator from the State of Alaska.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Today's prayer will be offered by our guest Chaplain, Rev. Glen Warner, Second Congregational United Church of Christ in Ashtabula, OH.

The guest Chaplain, Rev. Glen Warner, offered the following prayer:

Let us pray.

Sovereign Lord, Author of liberty, as we gather in this house of strong resolve and mighty decisions, we believe that it must also be a house of prayer for all nations. We pray that You will be with each of us in these difficult and challenging times.

We stand in Your Presence, in awe of the connection of events that has brought us to this moment in history. Our deepest desire is to "be still and know that You are God," we remember with reverence that Your work is only accomplished by vision and courage. In this moment we know that we belong to You whose glory stretches from age to age. May Your "right hand become glorious in power, justice, and righteousness in all the earth!"

We know that everything here, every light switch, every doorknob, every computer chip, every heart, and every brain cell exists only by Your grace. In gratitude for these good gifts, we reverence the work You have entrusted to us. We seek the priceless treasure of Your Divine guidance to do it well.

Living God! Your eternal word tells us "The Lord is the one who goes before you. He will be with you. He will not leave you . . . do not fear nor be dismayed." (Deuteronomy 31:8) In trust, we wait, yielded and still, as Your Spirit brushes the souls of our Armed Forces, the innocent people of Iraq, and the women and men we have chosen to serve America as our Senators. May they know and accept Your comforting wisdom as they fulfill their ordained purposes for this day. And all God's people said "Amen."

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable LISA MURKOWSKI led the Pledge of Allegiance, as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will please read a communication to the Senate from the President pro tempore (Mr. STEVENS).

The bill clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, March 27, 2003.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable LISA MURKOWSKI, a Senator from the State of Alaska, to perform the duties of the Chair.

TED STEVENS,
President pro tempore.

Ms. MURKOWSKI thereupon assumed the chair as Acting President pro tempore.

RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The majority leader is recognized.

SCHEDULE

Mr. FRIST. Madam President, for the information of all Senators, this morning there will be a period for morning business until 11 a.m. Again, this will allow time for Members to make remarks regarding the men and women of our Armed Forces. At 11 a.m. today, we will consider the military tax fairness bill under a 3-hour time limitation. Chairman GRASSLEY and Senator BAUCUS will be here to manage time on

that legislation over the course of 3 hours. I thank them for their hard work in getting that bill ready for floor consideration today.

In addition, we are attempting to reach an agreement for the consideration of S. Con. Res. 30 which would express our gratitude to the nations participating with the United States in the coalition to disarm Iraq. Also, as I mentioned last night, we may also vote on any judicial nominations that may be ready for the Executive Calendar today. Therefore, there will be votes throughout the day. If we are able to finish the work I just mentioned, it would likely be that there would be no rollcall votes on Friday. We would return for business on Monday with a rollcall vote likely to occur at around 5:30 Monday afternoon. I will have more to say about Monday's schedule later today.

In addition, over the course of today, I am sure people will want to come to the floor to make tributes to Senator Moynihan. A number of people took advantage of being able to do that last night. But over the course of today, people are welcome to come down to make those tributes. I do remind my colleagues, we will later, in a week, 2 weeks from now, bind all those tributes together in an appropriate volume for the family.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Senator from Nevada.

Mr. REID. Madam President, if I can get the attention of the majority leader while he is on the floor, we have a number of people on the floor today, and I would like to speak a few minutes about Senator Moynihan. Senator HUTCHISON is here. How long does she wish to speak?

Mrs. HUTCHISON. Madam President, we were hoping certainly after Senator REID's tribute to Senator Moynihan that we could have the hour evenly divided to talk about our troops in the field, which we are hoping will be the case every morning while our troops

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are in the field, so that we can honor them in this way.

Mr. REID. It would be more appropriate then that we leave that full time. I will find some time later in the day to speak. We should give the full time for people to speak. Senator NELSON is here early, Senator LINCOLN, and Senator CRAPO. We have a lot of people here to speak. I will give my speech at a later time. I am sure he might approve of that.

Mrs. HUTCHISON. Madam President, I am grateful to Senator REID for making that concession. Senator Moynihan had the greatest respect of all of us. I hope we will all honor him, and the Senator allowing us to go forward with this hour that we intend to set aside every day we are in battle in Iraq is very helpful. I appreciate it very much.

Madam President, I know Senator VOINOVICH has a special message about the invocation this morning, and then we would like to proceed. Senator LINCOLN will be managing the floor for the Democrats. I and Senator CRAPO will be managing the floor for the Republicans.

Madam President, the majority leader, Senator FRIST, and the minority leader, Senator DASCHLE, have agreed that the Senate will open every day now with this hour of tribute to our troops. It will be set aside for that purpose only as our way of letting them know that we will remember everything they are doing, we think of them every day, and we appreciate their service to our country. This is our way to emphasize that this is first and foremost on our minds, and everything we do will be with them in mind.

I thank the Chair.

RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, leadership time is reserved.

MORNING BUSINESS

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, there will now be a period for the transaction of morning business not to extend beyond the hour of 11 a.m., with the time to be equally divided between the two leaders or their designees.

Mrs. HUTCHISON. I yield to the Senator from Ohio.

Mr. VOINOVICH. I thank the Chair.

THE GUEST CHAPLAIN

Mr. VOINOVICH. Madam President, I thank the majority leader for the hospitality he extended to Rev. Glen W. Warner. I have had the pleasure of knowing Reverend Warner for many years. He is a remarkable person who has a distinguished record of service to his community in northeast Ohio in two vocations—as a spiritual leader of the Second Congregational Church and a leader in his family's business, the

Molded Fiber Glass Companies, which is one of the area's leading employers.

I have been very impressed over the years that he has been so successful in both of these very different careers. He has ministered to people's spiritual and temporal needs and he has made a real difference in the community.

Reverend Warner has volunteered for several community organizations including serving on the board of the Ashtabula Foundation.

His church is the one in which Reverend Warner and his wife, Nancy, who joins him today were married. In his business career, Reverend Warner travels throughout North America and Europe to develop new markets and new products for the company which was founded by his father-in-law, Robert S. Morrison.

Reverend Glen Warner is a wonderful role model for anyone, and his unique, dual-career underscores the fact that one can be successful in business and in serving the Lord. That one can exercise his spiritual purpose in the realm of his secular responsibility in the great tradition of the English parliamentarian and leader, William Wilburforce.

I am so happy that his wife, Nancy, and his granddaughter Tyra Miller and her friend Keisha Gilbert joined Reverend Warner in the Chamber today as he led the opening prayer at today's session of the United States Senate.

Reverend Glen Warner is a good friend and I am proud to have him here as the guest Chaplain. I encourage Members of the Senate, as they come to the Chamber, if they get a chance, to meet Reverend Warner. He is truly an inspiration.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Senator from Texas.

HONORING OUR ARMED FORCES

Mrs. HUTCHISON. Madam President, I will take some time this morning to show some pictures that speak more than 1,000 words. They are pictures from the field. They show how the mightiest force in the world is connecting with people on an individual basis.

I start with a picture showing PFC Joseph DeWitt, age 26, of the 7th Cavalry Regiment carrying an Iraqi boy who was injured Tuesday, March 26, in the fight at Al Faysaliyah. The picture speaks for what America is. Here is this private, 26 years old, carrying this little boy to safety. You can see the terror on his face, of the little boy who is saved today because Private DeWitt cared.

An unidentified U.S. soldier gives candy to Iraqi boys as he patrols in the southern border city of Safwan, Friday, March 21. Waving Iraqi civilians greeted members of the 1st Marine Division as they entered the town of Safwan.

An Iraqi child waves as a convoy of 3rd Brigade, 101st Airborne Division drives through a southern Iraqi town Sunday, March 23, 2003.

Children wave at members of the British 2nd Royal Tank Regiment as

they arrive in Basra, southern Iraq, Saturday, March 22.

All of the missing in action and POWs in this conflict are from Texas bases. They are either from Fort Hood or Fort Bliss.

In addition to the great mission, I feel a personal connection in this conflict because I know the pain and agony the loved ones are going through at this time and, of course, I think every day, every hour, every minute about those who are actually in captivity or about whom we do not know. I have tried to make contact with as many as I could. It has been difficult because many of them are in such stress they probably do not want to talk to people they do not know or members of the press who might be calling them.

I have not connected with all of them. However, every conversation I have had has been uplifting. I have gotten more out of these conversations than I could ever give back. I have talked this morning to Michelle Williams, the wife of CWO David Williams, from Fort Hood, one of those captured by the Iraqis when the Apache helicopter he was in crashed. Michelle is also in the service. She is at Fort Hood. I talked to her this morning. She has not been talking to the press but one of her major concerns is that somehow she could get a message to her husband: That she is thinking of him, that she loves him very much, that their children are fine, but she just wants some way to make sure that message gets to him—if it is the Red Cross that could take a letter; we will certainly try to be helpful, as the Army will try to be helpful—if it is a message he might hear, that she has given, we want to do everything possible to try to get that message to him. She is strong and brave and waiting for a happy reunion with her husband when he is able to come home.

I talked to Mark Kennedy and his wife, Mrs. Kennedy, this morning. They are the parents of Brian Kennedy who was killed in action when his helicopter crashed in Kuwait. Brian was their only son. Again, they said to me the personal outpouring of support and love and attention they have received because of the loss of their son has made their ordeal better. They feel the Army has done everything it can to make this terrible situation as positive as possible. They asked me to take a message to the President, which I will certainly do. They said, please tell the President that they support him, that their son had called in just 2 days before he was lost. He said: Don't worry about me. We are good to go. We have been trained. We believe in this mission.

Mr. and Mrs. Kennedy want us to know that they supported Brian Kennedy and what he was doing. They know the importance of this action to freedom for everyone in America.

I will take that message to the President because these are people who have